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SUBJECT: FRENCH INQUIRY REGARDING IEP PROGRESS

1. ECONOMIC MINISTER/COUNSELOR OF GOF EMBASSY (BUCCO-RIBOULET) CALLED ON DEPT OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 10 TO INQUIRE ABOUT RECENT BRUSSELS ECG WORKING GROUP MEETING (BRUSSELS 6853) STATUS OF ECG WORK ON IEP, AND LIKELY TIME FRAME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OECD ENERGY AGENCY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE TIMING, WE NOTED THAT PROGRESS MADE IN LATEST BRUSSELS WORKING GROUP SESSION SHOULD PERMIT ECG TO RESOLVE REMAINING KEY ISSUES -- VOTING PROCEDURES, FORM OF IEP AGREEMENT, AND TRIGGER LEVELS -- IN UPCOMING SEPT 19-20 MEETING. WE SAID OBJECTIVE NOW IS FIRM AGREEMENT ON ALL ELEMENTS OF IEP DRAFT AT THAT MEETING, WITH FORMAL AGREEMENT FOLLOWING IN OCTOBER, POSSIBLY CONCURRENTLY WITH MEETING OF OECD COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGENCY.

3. RE STRUCTURE OF NEW AGENCY, WE EXPLAINED THAT IT EXPECTED TO FIT INTO OECD FRAMEWORK, BUT WITH INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY, SEPARATE BUDGET, ETC. AGENCY WOULD HAVE DUAL OBJECTIVES -- MANAGEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY SHARING PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH FORMULATION OF THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT LONG-TERM ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAM TO REDUCE

DEPENDENCE UPON OIL IMPORTS THROUGH CONSERVATION, R & D, ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT COOPERATION. WE EXPLAINED THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ON ELEMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM IN VARIOUS ECG WORKING GROUP SESSIONS OVER PAST SIX MONTHS. WE NOTED THERE STRONG CONSENSUS IN ECG ON IMPORTANCE OF LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM.

4. ON QUESTION OF IEP MEMBERSHIP, WE EMPHASIZED OUR VIEW THAT MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE OPEN TO ANY OECD COUNTRY WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE ON REQUIRED COMMITMENTS. WE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER OECD COUNTRIES HAVE TO DATE

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EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN THE IEP, IN PARTICULAR SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND; IN ADDITION, AUSTRIA AND SPAIN HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION.

5. B-R SAID ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE THOUGHT GOF NOW EXAMINING POSSIBLE WAYS OF PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION BUT THAT NO DECISION

HAD YET BEEN MADE ON POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN IEP. HE
SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS DECISION WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOF.
WE REITERATED OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT GOF OPT FOR
PARTICIPATION. KISSINGER

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